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News Release

WIXOM MAN SENTENCED TO 46 MONTHS FOR ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLING 15,000 ECSTACY TABLETS

Drugs found inside spare tire

DETROIT — A Wixom man was sentenced today to 46 months in prison and two years supervised release for attempting to smuggle more than 15,000 ecstasy tablets into the United States, announced Eastern District of Michigan U.S. Attorney Steven J. Murphy and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Special Agent-in-Charge Brian M. Moskowitz.

U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Duggan imposed the sentence.

Kevin Do, 31, pleaded guilty in April 2005 to one count of importing drugs and one count of possessing drugs with the intent to distribute.

Do was apprehended in December 2004 while smuggling 15,169 ecstasy pills, a.k.a. MDMA into the United States through the Windsor Tunnel. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) inspectors and ICE agents discovered the ecstasy tablets in the spare tire attached to the undercarriage of a 2002 Ford Explorer. The estimated street value of the drugs exceeds \$250,000.



"Drug traffickers who seek to exploit our borders to peddle their poison in our communities should take note of this case," said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent-in-charge of the ICE Detroit Office of Investigations. "It's an excellent example of how the interdiction efforts of Customs and Border Protection Officers combined with the investigative skills of ICE special agents are helping protect the integrity of our borders from smugglers.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Bob Donaldson, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan prosecuted the case.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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